

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application, as presently amended and in light of the following discussion, is respectfully requested.

Claims 8-13, 15-21, and 23 are pending in the present application, Claims 1, 5, and 7 having been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

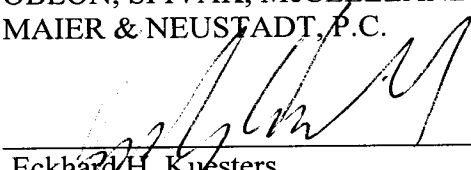
In the Office Action, Claims 1, 5, and 7 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Von Andrian et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,977,118, hereinafter Von Andrian); and Claims 8-13, 15-21, and 23 were allowed.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the allowance of Claims 8-13, 15-21, and 23. In light of this indication, rejected Claims 1, 5, and 7 are canceled.

As no other issues are pending in this application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for formal allowance, and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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